on the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled tribes in the State of Orissa has considerably gone up;

(b) if so, the extent to which the cases of atrocities on SC/ST have gone up in per cent in Orissa during the last three years;

(c) whether any assessment of the rise in the case of atrocities on SC/ST in other States has also been made by Government, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what steps are being contemplated by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) and (b) It is not correct to say that percentage of crimes against Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes has gone up significantly in the State of Orissa. The following table indicates the position:

Year	Crimes against	
	Scheduled Castes	Scheduled Tribes
1983	147	53
1984	150(+2.04%)	55(+3.8%)
1985	159(+6.00%)	46(−16.3%)

(c) and (d) Periodic reviews of atrocities against Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes are carried out. In the States which show rise in the crimes, the matter is taken up at the highest level for taking suitable remedial measures.

High Level Committee on working of ICAR

1170. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a high level committee to examine the working of Indian Council of Agricultural Research;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to redress the grievances of the scientists of ICAR?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) The matter is under consideration and details will be furnished as soon as it is finalised

(c) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has adopted the redressal mechanism evolved by the Government of India. According to this, Joint Council Machinery and Grievance cells Scheme is operating in the Council. While Joint Councils consider service matters of general application, individual grievances are examined by the Grievances Cell/Committees. The representation received from the scientists are examined by the Council with reference to the relevant rules and instructions without any bias.

Rise in Prices of Onion, Potato and Garlic

1171. Shri F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of onion, potato and garlic are rising constantly;